

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 4, 2012 – 3:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Chad Mitchell, Chairman
Carl Ford, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Jim Sides, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Mitchell convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Coltrain provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no deletions from the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Set Public Hearing for June 18, 2012 for Proposed Road Name of Wilcoy Park Drive
- B. Set Public Hearing for June 18, 2012 for Proposed Road Name of Average Drive
- C. Set Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing for June 18, 2012 for Z 22-03 & CUP 10-04
- D. Authorization for Chairman to Sign Letters of Support for Summit Corporate Center and Performance Technology Park as NC Certified Sites
- E. Set Public Hearing for June 18, 2012 for Proposed Fire District Boundary Changes
- F. Acceptance of Domestic Preparedness Grant Award
- G. Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account for BB&T

2. PRESENTATION BY NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Alissa Willett, Legislative Grassroots Coordinator for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), explained that the NCACC had sponsored its fifth annual essay contest on county government for 9th or 10th grade students. The topic of the essay was, "How does my county government improve the lives of its citizens?"

Ms. Willett said Elizabeth Weaver, a student at East Rowan High School had been selected as the winner from more than 160 entries. Ms. Weaver, and her Honors English teacher, Elizabeth Walters, each won \$500. Ms. Willett said Ms. Weaver had interviewed Chairman Chad Mitchell for the essay, which was printed in the June edition of *County Lines*.

Chairman Mitchell congratulated both Ms. Weaver and her Honors English teacher, Elizabeth Walters.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the Proclamation honoring Ms. Weaver passed unanimously.

Chairman Mitchell read the Proclamation, which he presented to Ms. Weaver and also to Ms. Walters. The presentation was followed by a round of applause and a standing ovation.

3. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Mitchell praised retiring Tax Administrator Jerry Rowland for twenty-four years of service to the citizens of Rowan County and for the money Mr. Rowland saved the County over the years by performing revaluations in-house.

Chairman Mitchell read a plaque, which he presented to Mr. Rowland with appreciation from the Board of Commissioners for his many years of service. The presentation was followed by a round of applause and a standing ovation.

Mr. Rowland took the opportunity to praise his staff and he attributed their teamwork and efforts to the success of the department.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Mitchell opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. The following individual came forward:

- Larry Wright mentioned several Rowan County municipalities that were raising taxes in fiscal year 2012-13 and applauded the Commissioners for not raising county taxes. Mr. Wright also mentioned the second primary that would be held in July and said it was important to vote for the right candidates.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the Public Comment Period.

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2013 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Gary Price, Director of Rowan Transit System, reported that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) had release the application for the FY 2013 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), which was funded by the NC General Assembly.

Mr. Price reviewed the ROAP, which consolidated three (3) different transportation programs into a single application making Rowan County eligible to apply for \$235,216 in transit operating funds.

The Rowan Transit System (RTS) Advisory Committee submitted the following recommendations:

1. Apply for \$97,408 in Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) funds. No matching funds are required. The following sub-allocations were recommended:

Rowan Transit	\$54,408	Therapeutic Recreation	\$8,000
Vo. Opportunities	\$ 2,000	Medical Out-of-Town	\$5,000
Abundant Living	\$28,000		

2. Apply for \$104,516 in Rural General Public (RGP), which requires a 10% match of \$10,451; total \$114,967.
3. Apply for \$33,292 in the Employment Transportation. No match required.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the ROAP application. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides moved to authorize the Board Chairman to execute the NCDOT Grant Certification Statement containing the standard assurances that Rowan County would use the ROAP funding in a manner consistent with the State Management Plan for the ROAP funding. Commissioner Barber seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF AMITY HILL ROAD PROPERTY

County Manager Gary Page reported that the Board voted during regular session on May 7, 2012 to accept an offer of \$45,595 for Tax Map 265 Parcel 030 and to restart the upset bid process. Mr. Page said the offer was advertised in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269 and no additional bids were received.

Mr. Page asked the Board to consider selling the property in the amount of \$45,595.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to sell Tax Map 265 Parcel 030 in the amount of \$45,595 passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF SECOND MEETING IN JULY

Chairman Mitchell said the Board typically meets once during the month of July when possible. Chairman Mitchell said Staff was currently unaware of any issues that would require a second meeting. Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for a motion to consider cancelling the Board of Commissioners second meeting in July.

Commissioner Barber moved to cancel the July 16, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Finance – To adjust revenues and expenditures for FY 2010 Exercise Grant MOA#1181, project number 433324 to match grant award adjustment - \$1,443
- Library – Additional revenue for gifts; will be used to purchase books for three (3) library locations - \$5,493

- Parks and Recreation – Transfer funds to complete Senior Games for remainder of fiscal year - \$5,000
- Sheriff – Recognize excess revenue and budget to proper expense account in concealed weapons - \$ 30,000
- Finance – Adjust budget for inmate supply orders for remainder of fiscal year - \$56,600
- Social Services – Increase expenditures and revenue line items for Child Day Care Subsidy payments based on the funding authorization received from the Division of Child Development for FY 2012

Commissioner Ford moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Sides made a motion to remove the board appointments for the Centralina Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) until July 2, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Commissioner Coltrain questioned the reasoning for the motion. Commissioner Sides responded that he wanted to delay the appointment for the CWDB to provide the opportunity to receive applications from Rowan County residents. Commissioner Sides also said the Board never had problems receiving applications for the RCCC Board in the past and he wanted to readvertise the vacancy in an effort to avoid having to waive the terms limits for Patricia Fulcher.

Chairman Mitchell said he preferred someone who resided in Rowan County to be appointed to the CWDB.

Commissioner Coltrain said he would support the motion as long as RCCC was notified since RCCC had provided a letter of support for the appointment of Ms. Fulcher.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

ROWAN COUNTY NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are six (6) vacancies on this committee.

- Joshua McHone has submitted an application for consideration. Please note that Mr. McHone has also submitted an application for consideration for the Landmarks Committee and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

The term would be for one (1) year beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Joshua McHone and the nomination carried unanimously. (See a second motion, which was made following the recess).

ROWAN COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

There are currently four (4) vacancies on this Commission.

- Joshua McHone has submitted an application for consideration. Please note that Mr. McHone has also submitted an application for consideration for the Nursing Home Advisory Committee and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Sides nominated Joshua McHone and the nomination passed unanimously. (See a second motion, which was made following the recess).

ROWAN COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The following have submitted applications for consideration:

- Joshua McHone would be an At-Large member. (Please note that Mr. McHone has also submitted an application for consideration for the Landmarks Committee and the Nursing Home Advisory Committee.)
- Don Bringle would meet the recommendation from NCGS §143B-846 for representation from the local parks.
- Rory Collins submitted an application for reappointment and would meet the recommendation from NCGS §143B-846 for representation from a police chief in the county.

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Ford nominated Don Bringle and Rory Collins and the nomination carried unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCE AUTHORITY

There are three (3) vacancies.

- Joel Johnson has submitted an application for consideration.

The term would be for six (6) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Barber nominated Joel Johnson and the nomination passed unanimously.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

There are three (3) vacancies and the following have submitted applications for consideration:

- Thomas Greene for reappointment
- Craig Pierce for reappointment

- Clay Lindsay for reappointment (Please note that Mr. Lindsay's application was submitted after the agenda deadline).
- Brian Cooker
- Rip Kersey

The terms would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Barber nominated Thomas Greene, Craig Pierce and Clay Lindsay for reappointment.

Commissioner Sides nominated Brian Cooker.

Commissioner Ford nominated Rip Kersey.

Thomas Greene received four (4) votes of support with Commissioner Ford dissenting.

Craig Pierce received four (4) votes of support with Commissioner Coltrain dissenting.

Clay Lindsey received two (2) votes of support with Commissioners Ford, Sides and Coltrain dissenting.

Brian Cooker received three (3) votes of support with Commissioners Mitchell and Barber dissenting.

Rip Kersey received two (2) votes of support with Commissioners Mitchell, Sides and Barber dissenting.

Thomas Greene, Craig Pierce and Brian Cooker were appointed.

ROWAN COUNTY TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The following applications have been submitted for consideration:

- Kelly Alexander – reappointment as at large member
- Andrew Waters – reappointment as at large member
- Suzanne Jones – representing hotels and accommodations

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Kelly Alexander, Andrew Waters and Suzanne Jones. The nomination passed unanimously.

CENTRALINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

This board appointment was delayed until July 2, 2012.

REGION F ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are vacancies for two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate and the following have submitted an application for consideration:

- Nancy W. Galyan
- Barbara Gaul – application to serve as a delegate. Currently, Ms. Gaul serves as an alternate.

The terms would be for two years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Please note the appointees to this Committee also serve on the HCCBG Committee by virtue of their appointment.

Commissioner Sides nominated Nancy Galyan and Barbara Gaul and the nomination passed unanimously.

ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

- Marilyn Warlick has submitted an application for reappointment.

The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Ford nominated Marilyn Warlick and the nomination carried unanimously.

ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Rodney Harrison has submitted an application for reappointment. Mr. Harrison resides in Cabarrus County and would represent Transportation Providers as a part of NCDOT's required representation on this Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).
- Barbara Garwood representing Abundant Living Adult Day Center does not wish to be reappointed. Sara Agner has applied and would represent Abundant Living Adult Day Center, a non-profit organization user under the public and business sectors required on this TAB.

The terms would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Sara Agner. Commissioner Coltrain noted that Rodney Harrison had only attended 50% of the meeting.

The nomination for Sara Agner passed unanimously.

Chairman Mitchell asked if it was the pleasure of the Board to advertise for the Transportation Providers position and Commissioner Sides suggested asking Gary Price to contact qualifying individuals to solicit additional applications.

- Elizabeth Batson, representing PBH, is no longer employed by PBH and Staff is currently seeking other applicants to fill this position. There is one other vacancy, which is an MPO representative, and Staff is currently working to fill this position, also.

ROWAN CABARRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This board appointment was delayed until July 2, 2012.

CITY OF SALISBURY ETJ

The following applications have been submitted for consideration:

- Randy Reamer – Planning Board
- Dianne Scott – Zoning Board of Adjustment - alternate

The terms would be for three (3) years expiring March 31, 2015.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Randy Reamer for appointment to the City of Salisbury's Planning Board and Dianne Scott to City's Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nominations passed unanimously.

Chairman Mitchell called for a recess at 3:28 p.m.

Chairman Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

- Before the Board moved to the next agenda item, Commissioner Ford made a motion for the Commissioners to reconsider the board appointments for Joshua McHone, which were made prior to the recess. Commissioner Ford said Mr. McHone had applied for the Nursing Home Advisory Committee and the Historic Landmarks Commission when Mr. McHone only meant to apply for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ford nominated Mr. McHone for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the nomination passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2012-13 OPERATING YEAR

Chairman Mitchell said the Board was considering the proposed budget for FY 2012-13 budget. Chairman Mitchell said the Board would conduct a work session on June 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. and the earliest possible time for adoption of the budget would occur on June 18, 2012.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed budget for FY 2012-13. The following individuals came forward:

- Travis Summit requested that the Board fund an EMS station in western Rowan County.
- Tara Trexler, Chief Financial Officer for the Rowan Salisbury School System (RSSS), asked that the RSSS appropriation be adjusted for the return of the \$1 million previously cut, along with \$250,000 for the projected mandatory increases in locally funded expenses.
- Cory Hill, President of the United Auto Workers at Freightliner, agreed with Travis Summit that an ambulance station was needed in western Rowan County. Mr. Hill felt that funds for the proposed hangar at the Airport could be used to fund the EMS station.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Sides moved to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/
Assistant to the County Manager